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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAMA 0728

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : MASS, PINS, BA

SUBJECT : DEVELOPMENT OF BAHRAIN COAST GUARD

REF : MANAMA 642 AND STATE 187787

1) CHARGE ASKED POLICE DIRECTOR GENERAL BELL WHAT HE COULD TELL US ABOUT STATUS WITHIN GOB OF USG OFFER TO TRAIN BAHRAIN COAST GUARD PERSONNEL. BELL SAID IT WAS ALMOST CERTAIN GOB WOULD ACCEPT USG OFFER, AND HE BELIEVED GOB PAYMENT OF STUDENTS TRAVEL AND BOARD DURING TRAINING WOULD BE NO RPT NO PROBLEM.

2) BELL SAID DELAY OF GOB RESPONSE HAS BEEN CAUSED BY TWO OR THREE FACTORS. OLD POLICY QUESTION HAS SURFACED AGAIN OF WHETHER COAST GUARD WOULD BE RESPONSIBILITY OF POLICE UNDER PRIME MINISTER SHAIKH KHALIFA OR OF DEFENSE FORCE UNDER AMIR'S SON SHAIKH HAMAD. PRIMIN WANTS POLICE TO HAVE IT, AND AMIR FAVORS DEFENSE FORCE. CONSIDERATION OF QUESTION IS TEMPORARILY ON ICE AS LEADERS' ATTENTION IS FOCUSED ON PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH. IN ADDITION FUNDS ARM SHORT, AND MONEY WILL OT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL NEW FISCAL YEAR, JANUARY ONE.

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3) BELL'S APPROACH TO BUILDING COAST GUARD, WHICH IS PRESUMED

TO COINCIDE WITH THAT OF PRIMIN, IS GRADUAL DEVELOPMENT, TAKING FIRST THINGS FIRST. SHAIKH HAMAD, HOWEVER, IS ALREADY THINKING IN TERMS OF SOPHISTICATED AND FLASHY EQUIPMENT SUCH AS HOVERCRAFT. APPARENTLY BRITISH GOVT AND BUSINESS HAVE ENGOURAGED HIM IN THIS APPROACH. PAST SUMMER WHEN HAMAD WAS GUEST IN UK OF BRITISH DEFENSE MINISTER HE WAS GIVEN SPECIAL SHOWING OF HOVERCRAFT AND OTHER BOATS IN ACTION.

4) FOR JIDDA: SHOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY GIVING AVCO REPRESENTATIVE APPROPRIATE BRIEFING ONABOVE. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, BELL SUGGESTED ANY AVCO VISIT TO BAHRAIN MIGHT BEST BE TIMED AFTER MID-DECEMBER WHEN PARLIAMENTARY AND NATIONAL DAY FESTIVITIES TAKE PLACE.  
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